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Consumer Product SAFETY ALERT

FROM THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

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Puck Children's Furniture Repairs Omar Crib Entrapment Hazards

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Puck Children's Furniture, Inc., Miami, Florida, is voluntarily repairing its Omar Crib to eliminate a head and neck entrapment hazard which could result in suffocation, and a foot entrapment hazard.

The top edge of the end panels of the Omar crib is an inverted "U" shape and these panels are adjustable in height. With either of the end panels in its lowest position, a V shaped opening between the end panel and corner post creates an opening where a child's head and neck could be caught. In addition, when the mattress support is in its lowest position and the side rail is in its highest position, the bottom of the side rail is higher than the mattress support, creating a gap where a child's foot could be caught.

Since October, 1983 a total of 1,137 Omar Model cribs have been distributed nationwide by Puck Children's Furniture. The crib retails for approximately $400. Neither the CPSC nor Puck Children's Furniture is aware of any reports of injuries involving this crib.

The crib is available in both natural and white. Side rails and end panels are adjustable in height. The top of the slatted end panels is an inverted "U" shape, and there is a storage drawer under the mattress support of the crib. Wheels are included with the crib. The crib is packaged in a carton labeled "Made in Italy — Puck Children's Furniture — Omar." The crib itself bears no labeling.

Puck Children's Furniture has advised retailers to stop selling the Omar Cribs until they have been repaired. The repair kit includes a replacement stabilizer, wooden plugs and instructions for making the repairs. Consumers who purchased the Omar crib should immediately contact either the retail store where the crib was purchased or Puck Children's Furniture at 305-634-2828 to obtain a free repair kit to correct these hazards. Consumers may also write to Puck Children's Furniture at 3620 NW 59th Street, Miami, FL 33142 for the repair kit. Until the crib is repaired, consumers are advised to discontinue use or use only with the end panels in their highest position and the mattress support and side rails adjusted so there is no gap at the bottoms of the side rails.

Consumers may call the CPSC toll-free hotline at 800-638-CPSC for additional information about this repair program. A teletypewriter for the hearing-impaired is 800-638-8270.

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Omar Cribs Need Repair. There is a head and neck entrapment hazard (which could result in suffocation) and a foot entrapment hazard with Omar Cribs. Consumers should immediately contact either the retail store where the crib was purchased or Puck Children's Furniture, 3620 NW 59th Street, Miami, FL 33142 (or call 305-634-2828) to get a free repair kit to correct these hazards. Until the crib is repaired, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission advises consumers to discontinue use or use the crib only with the end panels in their highest position and the mattress support and side rails adjusted so there is no gap at the bottoms of the side rails.